

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Assistant Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Angela Pleasants, Catawba Valley District Superintendent and Chief Missional Strategist for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough introduced Teri Ellerbee from the Planning Commission. Ms. Ellerbee was appointed to the Planning Commission at the last City Council Meeting. Mayor Hough added Presentation #1 Update on Veteran's Healing Garden. Mr. Michael added that the Resolution of Intent needs to include the October 22nd Public Hearing date. With no additional changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Call for a Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for Painting of Commercial Buildings
2. Approval of a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
3. Approval of Budget Amendments
 - Business Incentive Grant the Studios at 107 West Central Avenue
 - Fire Department Wellness Grant Revenue
4. Approval of a Bid Waiver for a Recycling/Refuse Collection Truck
5. Approval of a Plat or Water's Edge Subdivision
6. Approval of Division of Water Infrastructure Program Application
7. Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Close a Portion of Fite Road and hold the Public Hearing on October 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers
8. Approval of the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Council Meeting
9. Approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Work Session Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on Veteran's Healing Garden

Adam Lee and Mary Smith came before the Council to thank everyone for voting on the Healing Garden Grant competition. Mr. Lee advised that the winners have not been announced but Mount Holly was in the top 10 voter the entire time the voting was open. The winners will be announced next week.

2. Swearing in of Police Officers Delton Williams and Robbie Burchfield

Mayor Hough administered the Oath of Office to Officers Delton Williams and Robbie Burchfield. The Officers wives were present to perform the pinning ceremony.

3. Recognition of Parker Stafford for a Donation of K-9 Bulletproof Vests

Chief Roper recognized Parker Stafford for raising money to provide K-9 bulletproof vests for the City's K-9's.

4. Special Recognition

Mr. Jackson surprised Chief Roper with Special Recognition of him and his Department for their fast actions and thinking during Chief Roper's recent medical emergency. The video was played that was recently recorded by the local news station WBTV. Mr. Jackson also recognized the Fire Department for their fast response and Reverend Pleasants for the prayers. Chief Roper expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone for all their thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to Amend Article 9, *Signs* of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Wilson advised that the Planning Commission recommended at their meeting last week that the City Council continue the public hearing at the October 8, 2018 meeting in order to give Staff more time to gather additional information.

Councilman Moore made a motion to open the public hearing to Amend Article 9, *Signs* of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to continue the public hearing until the October 8, 2018 City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Public Hearing to Amend Articles 6 and 7, Multi-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Beal advised that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the text amendment that strikes the conditional zoning requirement for multifamily dwellings.

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to open the public hearing to Amend Articles 6 and 7, Multi-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to Articles 6 and 7, Multi-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Ordinance. (Resolution #09102018B) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Josephine Floyd-104 South Willow Court-Ms. Floyd came before the City Council to comment on the importance of Planned Parenthood. She gave details of her first pregnancy and how going to Planned Parenting helped her through her situation.

Linda Mooney a volunteer of Life Chain of Gaston County, came before Council to invite the members to the annual prayer event. Life Chain is a witness event that will be help on October 7th at 2:00PM. It is a one hour event and will be on Main Street Mount Holly. More information can be found at lifechain.org.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Highest Bidder on the Property located at 309 North Main Street

Ms. Anders presented a resolution accepting the offer of \$452,000 for the property located at 309 North Main Street. She advised that there is a 50 day due diligence period. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Highest Bidder on the Property located at 309 North Main Street. (Resolution #09102018C) Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of an Agreement with St. Joseph's Seminary for the Extension of Water and Sewer

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the Agreement with St. Joseph's Seminary for the Extension of Water and Sewer. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval for Selection of Right of Way Services Firm for the Belmont/Mount Holly Road Sidewalk Project

Mr. Braswell advised that a staff committee was formed to review the RFQ's received by the City for the proposed sidewalk project. The committee selected THC Inc as the most qualified firm. The next step is the contract phase and THC Inc. will work with Mr. Michael's office and then send to NCDOT for approval. The contract will include appraisals, title services, acquisitions and negotiations and will not exceed the amount of \$128,121.50. Councilman Meadows commented that he would like staff to find ways to expedite this project. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the selection of THC Inc as the Right of Way Services Firm for the Belmont/Mount Holly Road Sidewalk Project. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of Rules of Procedure for Participation in Meetings Via Electronic Means

Mr. Jackson advised that on occasion a Council Member has to be absent from a meeting but still wants to participate. The SOG has outlined certain methods and Councils across the state has adopted policies. Mr. Jackson advised that the intent of the policy would allow participation by Council Members that are sick or have been called out of town. There was discussion in regard to the policy, voting options and alternative technological options. Council directed staff to incorporate additional options into the policy and bring it back for further review at a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5)

Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) The time was 8:15 pm

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Member voted in favor. (Motion carried) The time was 8:45 pm

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.